

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously amended) A process for packaging a product, comprising the steps of:

(A) placing a first product into a flexible, heat-shrinkable bag, the bag having an open top, whereby a first bagged product having excess bag length results, and wherein the bag comprises a multilayer film comprising:

(1) a first layer, which is an inside bag layer, and which comprises polyolefin;
(2) a second layer comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyolefin, polystyrene, and polyurethane;

(3) a third layer comprising a polyamide having a melting point of 160°C and below; and

(4) a fourth layer, which is an outside bag layer, the fourth layer comprising polyester; and

wherein the bag is produced by sealing the first layer to itself, whereby the first layer is an inside bag layer and the fourth layer is an outside bag layer;

(B) repeating the placing step with a second product and a second bag, whereby a second bagged product results;

- (C) stacking at least the first and second bagged products so that the excess bag length of each of the bagged products are on top of one another within a sealing distance of a means for heat-sealing;
- (D) heat-sealing the inside layer of first bag to itself in the region between the open end of the first bag and the product, and the inside layer of the second bag to itself in the region between the open end of the second bag and the product, so that the first product is completely sealed within the first bag and the second product is completely sealed with the second bag, the sealing being carried out at a temperature so that the resulting packaged products can be freely separated from one another without layer delamination.

Claim 22 (original) The process according to Claim 21, wherein the second layer has a thickness of from about 10 to about 50%, based on the thickness of the multilayer film.

Claim 23 (original) The process according to Claim 21, further comprising a fifth layer which serves as an O₂-barrier layer, the fifth layer comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of EVOH, PVDC, polyalkylene carbonate, polyamide, and polyethylene naphthalate.

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (original) The process according to Claim 21, wherein from 2 to 5 bagged products are stacked on top of one another during heat-sealing.

Claim 26 (original) The process according to Claim 25, wherein 2 bagged products are stacked on top of one another during heat-sealing.

Claim 27 (previously added) The process according to Claim 21, wherein the polyamide makes up at least 40 weight percent of the third layer.

Claim 28 (previously added) The process according to Claim 21, wherein the film has a total free shrink, at 185°F, of from about 40 to 170 percent, and the film has a thickness uniformity of greater than about 20 percent.

Claim 29 (previously added) The process according to Claim 21, wherein the polyamide makes up at least 50 weight percent of the third layer.

Claim 30 (previously added) The process according to Claim 21, wherein the polyester comprises from about 80 to about 95 mole percent terephthalate mer units.

Claim 31 (previously added) The process according to Claim 21, wherein the polyamide has a melting point of from about 120°C up to 145°C.

Claim 32 (previously added) The film according to Claim 21, wherein the polyolefin in the first layer has a melting point of from about 50°C to less than 125°C.

Claim 33 (previously added) The film according to Claim 21, wherein the polyester has a melting point of from about 210°C to about 235°C.